

Library Bond Act Grant Applications - Cycle 1

Office of Library Construction Findings

<i>Project Name [Number]</i>	Fairfield Cordelia Branch Library 1052	<i>Current Square Footage</i>	0
<i>Applicant</i>	Fairfield, City of	<i>Project Square Footage</i>	16,459
<i>Operating Library Jurisdiction</i>	Solano County Library	<i>Service Area Population:</i>	12,018
<i>Project Type</i>	New Library		
<i>Project Priority</i>	1st	<i>Anticipated Construction Start Date:</i>	10/4/2003
<i>Joint Use Type</i>	Joint Venture		
<i>Multipurpose?</i>	YES	<i>Total Library Project Amount</i>	\$6,808,285
<i>Leased Site:</i>	NO	<i>State Grant Amount</i>	\$4,100,385

Bond Act Factors [California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 19998 (a)]

	Rated	Other
<i>Needs of urban and rural areas:</i>		[see map]
<i>Population growth:</i>		909%
<i>Financial capacity of applicant to open and maintain operation of the library (new libraries only):</i>		Yes
<i>Age and condition of existing library:</i>	No existing library (= Outstanding)	
<i>Inadequacy of the existing library in meeting needs of residents and the response of proposed project to meeting the needs:</i>	Very Good	
<i>Plan of Service integrates appropriate electronic technology:</i>	Very Good	
<i>Appropriateness of proposed site for the proposed project:</i>	Very Good	
Overall Rating:		Very Good

Summary of Review Panel Comments

Population Growth 908.6%

Age and Condition There is no existing library.

Needs of residents/response of proposed project to needs The needs assessment process included a variety of methods for residents to provide input, including: surveys, focus groups, and individual interviews. K-12 student needs were considered in depth in addition to the needs of all residents. Analysis of demographic data led to appropriate conclusions concerning library service needs. The needs assessment process included methods targeted to K-12 students.

The plan of service addresses the needs assessment findings. Goals, objectives, and service indicators are clearly written, but do not include implementation steps. Services are described in general terms. The plan of service responds to the needs assessments findings by providing a computer center for student training purposes and a career center.

The building program in general terms follows the plan of service, including appropriate spaces to accommodate planned services. Space descriptions contain adequate information.

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The conceptual plans include the requirements of the building program, adhering well to the stated adjacencies and square footages. Programmed and actual square footages appear on the floor plan, and there are no significant differences between the two. Non-assignable square footage is exactly as programmed.

Joint Use Agreement: Computer Center & Career Center The agreement represents a partnership in which both parties are active participants. The school district will provide funding to support classes, staff, and materials for the joint venture services. The services will be reviewed quarterly by a joint committee. Possible future joint venture projects are included in the agreement.

Plan of Service Integrates Appropriate Technology Technology is considered throughout the planning documents as one of the methods of responding to the needs of the residents. Specific technology uses include: an integrated Web-based automated library system; capability for library uses to plug-in laptop PCs; wireless technology infrastructure; electronic reference and curriculum-based resources; self-checkout; and Internet access.

Appropriateness of Proposed Site This proposed library will be part of a multipurpose project housing the county education office and city offices and is geographically centered in the community. The site is adjacent to a public school, and visibility is enhanced by its location across the street from the area's only shopping center. The site is accessible by clientele arriving by public or private transportation, on foot, or by bicycle. The site is adequate to accommodate the planned facility and the shape of the site does not hinder site planning.

Financial Capacity The applicant has committed to the on-going operation of the completed library.